

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

May 15-19, 2013
River Vista Mountain Village RV Park
Dillard, Georgia
Hosts: Mathises and Greulichs



Members camping: Alexanders, Baers, Linda Callas, Carpenters (Dorris and Ethel), Carpenters (Jerry and Dot), Corleys, Crumps, Greulichs, Huffmans, Virginia Jackson, Lees, Longs, Mathises, Porters, Swansons (Willard and Sue), Whites (Chris and Jack), Williams

Visitors camping: Second time visitors: Marie Lester, Randy and Yvonne Tyson, Greg and Rose Zaic. All of these second time visitors joined our group at this rally – welcome new members.

The River Vista Mountain Village RV park is well maintained with an excellent clubhouse. The flowers were blooming which made the park very inviting.

Wednesday:

At 2:30 there was a meet and greet with cookies and drinks. BG made some announcements about the “Hunt for Lunch” (my name for it) treasure hunt and Jim (standing in for Karen) made some announcements regarding the rally activities including Karen’s photo contest. Dinner was at the Fatz restaurant in Franklin, NC. It was a good meal and the peach cobbler was enjoyed by many.

Thursday:

The weather was beautiful and perfect for BG’s “Hunt for Lunch” treasure hunt. The instructions were clear even though some of us (me) had trouble following them. It was said that this would be challenging and fun. It was certainly both. At approximately 9:45 cars (with two people in each car) began to depart with their clues. At the first stop, we received hats that we were to wear during the rest of the hunt. Next we were to get a balloon which was to be released later in

the day. Everyone made it through these first two clues and then it began to get very “challenging”. For the clue regarding “goats”, some of us identified “cows” instead. However, with a little luck and some help, we all made it to the destination restaurant RUMOR HAZIT and enjoyed a wonderful lunch. Thanks to BG for all his work in arranging this very different and fun activity.

In the afternoon, we brought our pictures to the clubhouse and the hosts gave each picture a number for the photo contest on Friday. At 4:00 we gathered to release our balloons from the treasure hunt earlier in the day. Most of them flew away, but a couple got stuck in the trees.



Friday:

A wonderful breakfast was provided by the hosts. It was BG & Irma’s world renowned German Breakfast and as usual, it was outstanding. After breakfast, Linda Callas led us up to Sky Valley to view a beautiful double waterfall.



Lunch was on our own. The afternoon was spent trying to identify pictures of members from their past lives. One member had not changed at all and was easy to identify even though she had three pictures in the contest. Others were not as easy as they had changed quite a bit. Dinner was at Scooter’s BBQ. The food was good and several of us had the Pulled Pork Stuffed Baked Potato which was recommended by reviewers.

Saturday:

It was a rainy day and a sad day as Chris White’s younger sister passed away on Friday and Jack and Chris left to go to the Nashville area for the memorial. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris and her family.

Lunch was on our own. At 3:00 we met at the clubhouse where the winners of the photo contest and the “Hunt for Lunch” treasure hunt were announced. Don Crump was the winner of the photo contest and he received a blue ribbon for guessing 22 people. Chris White came in a close second with 21. There were four couples that tied in the treasure hunt and they will each receive a certificate. Congratulations to all the winners.

Dinner was Italian night with Jim Mathis and the hosts providing a great spaghetti meal. Everyone brought a dish. We certainly have some talented cooks.

Sunday:

The hosts provided pastries and drinks. In an effort to downsize the amount of items that are carried by the hosts to each rally, there was an auction of several items. The proceeds are to go to the ice cream fund and more than \$20 was raised. So it looks like we will have ice cream at the next rally. Even though he was not attending the rally, George Silver came over Sunday morning to give the devotions. Everyone was wished a safe return to their homes.

As usual, during the week cards were played in the clubhouse and a campfire was held. A special treat was BG's Bedtime Stories.

The hosts did a spectacular job at this rally with several very special activities that took a lot of time and work. We thank them for their efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: As stated above, we have several new members. WELCOME to Marie Lester, Randy and Yvonne Tyson, and Greg and Rose Zaic. We hope that you will enjoy being a part of a really great group of people.



UPCOMING RALLYS:

June: 19th thru 22nd Leisure Acres Campground. Cleveland, GA Reservations Required. 888-748-6344 Directions: S-bound from Cleveland, From junction of US-129 and SR-115S 3.8 miles to Westmoreland Road, west 0.5 miles (L). Or N-bound from Clermont, North on US-129 to junction of US-129 and Westmoreland road (2.8 miles North of junction of US-129 and SR-254) West 0.5 miles on Westmoreland road (L). See <http://www.leisureacrescampground.com>
Hosts: Carpenters, Armstrongs and Williams

July: 17th thru 20th Cove Creek RV Resort. Sevierville/Pigeon Forge, TN, 2293 Wears Valley Road. Reservations Required. 865-429-7716. Directions: From Pigeon Forge TL #3 approximately 8 miles south off Wears Valley Road, after 7 miles look for Robeson Road on your left, then a sign that says "Bear Camp Grill". Once you see that sign be prepared to turn left into the resort. From Townsend, approximately 7 miles north after US-321 separates from SR-73. See <http://www.covecreekrvresort.com>
Hosts: Bielemeiers and Silvers

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